GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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HANDLOOM COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of representations received by the Government from Cooperative Societies of the Handloom weavers and other organizations seeking more concessions during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) the details of the concessions presently being given to the Handloom weavers; and

(d) the number of Handloom weavers of the backward areas who have been benefited by these concessions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b) Representations have been received, from time to time, from handloom organizations/weavers drawing attention to some of their problems. In the recent past, representations were received requesting for withdrawal of excise duty introduced on cotton and cellulosic spun yarn in plain reel hank form introduced with effect from 1st March 2002. In view of the Government`s decision to reimburse the incidence of excise duty to the organizations supplying hank yarn to the handloom weavers net of CENVAT, withdrawal of the excise duty has not been considered necessary.

(c) and (d) The following schemes implemented during the Ninth Plan period involved financial assistance for the benefit of handloom weavers throughout the country including backward areas:-

i) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme
ii) Thrift Fund Scheme
iii) Health Package Scheme
iv) Group Insurance Scheme
v) New Insurance Scheme
vi) Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana
vii) Project Package Scheme
viii) Scheme for Setting up of Handloom Development Centres/Quality Dyeing Units. ix) Market Development Assistance Scheme x) Mill Gate Price Scheme.
xi) Publicity and Exhibition Programme; and xii) Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing (DEPM) Scheme